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LB588

SENATOR MARSH: Senator Cavanaugh the reason many of us wanted to take the merit out is that it did not have 33 persons in this body to support it. Without 33 votes to have the Emergency Clause, it is not a flexible piece of legislation. With the Emergency Clause LB588 still has some pluses which I desire to have passed. Among those advantages as I see it, are the enumerations of several of the things in the bill so that we have accurate statistics next year when we come to make the decision regarding salaries for state employees. Including the advantage of having the increase go to the state employees on July and not part of the increase go to them on July one and the other part wait until their anniversary date. That is hardly fair to those that came aboard on the 15th of June who must wait for 11 1/2 months before they receive the second part of the increase.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: OK, so we didn't do this because the Governor said that he would veto it?

SENATOR MARSH: I hope not.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Well, you are the one who has done it. You didn't do it because you were afraid that the Governor would veto it?

SENATOR MARSH: Are you asking me.....is that part of the reason that I chose to do this?

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Why you brought it back.

SENATOR MARSH: That is certainly a contributing factor.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Why did you take the merit out?

SENATOR MARSH: Because there are not 33 votes to pass it the first time, how could I hope to have it come back with a.....its not useable in the form that it is in now without the emergency clause. Excuse me, it is not as useable in the form that it is now, as it will be when the emergency clause is added. Now is the optimistically speaking?

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: OK, thank you. I don't know what to say about the bill. A few observations, it doesn't do what the appropriations committee wanted it to do. It doesn't do what the Legislature wanted it to do as far as compensating state employees, I don't think that it matters now what we do with the bill.

PRESIDENT: Question is the advancement of the bill. Record your vote. We are still under call Senators. Senator Kennedy. Record.

CLERK: 26 ayes and 5 nays.

PRESIDENT: The bill is advanced, Senator Marsh.

SENATOR MARSH: Mr. President, LB588 is on its way back to Final Reading. If those of you who are concerned about state employees desire state employees to have their increase on